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AZ State Forestry Releases Yarnell Hill Fire Initial Synopsis

PHOENIX, Ariz. – Arizona State Forestry has released a synopsis of events regarding the Yarnell Hill Fire, which began on Friday, June 28, 2013. The synopsis covers events of the first three days of the fire, including the first reports of the fire, initial attack operations, and the shelter deployment of the Granite Mountain Hotshot Crew.

The synopsis was compiled to provide a basic outline of events surrounding the initial phases of the fire. It is not part of the official investigation being carried out regarding the shelter deployment and subsequent deaths of 19 members of the Granite Mountain Hotshot Crew.

“Our hope is that the synopsis will provide the public with an understanding of the fire suppression efforts during the initial phases of the fire,” said Arizona State Forester Scott Hunt.

The synopsis and other supporting documentation are available on Arizona State Forestry’s website, located at: <http://www.azsf.az.gov/site-page/fire-information>.

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